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PACIFIC PEACE.

FRANCE RATIFIES TREATIES.

EVERYBODY PLEASED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, July 9.

The Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill approving the Pacific convention, 498 votes being cast—all for the measure.

LATER.

The annexes of the Pacific treaty were also passed.

In the course of the debate, the reporter, M. Raynaldy, emphasised that the treaty did not apply to the parties' Continental possessions in the Pacific, but said the Franco-Japanese treaty of July, 1907, constituting a guarantee of inestimable value, was still in force and was applicable to all French Continental possessions.

M. Raynaldy, enumerating the advantages of the treaty, said that for the United States it meant the disappearance of the Anglo-Japanese treaty and the avoidance of causes of conflict in the Pacific. Britain had renounced her alliance with Japan without losing Japan's friendship. Britain had indirectly assured the security of her Dominions without resort to her fleet.

The treaty consecrated France's status as a great Pacific power. France would be consulted if grave events cropped up, and her insular possessions were safeguarded against sudden attacks.

BOND OF HONOUR.

The Minister, M. Sarraut, termed the treaty a great instrument of substituting relaxation for tension. It did not contain sanctions, but was countersigned by the word of honour of nations accustomed to keep their word. The treaty brought a guarantee of peace, a new procedure which would prevent conflicts and lead to the hope of disposal of the heavy clouds in the Pacific. M. Sarraut paid a tribute to Mr. Hughes, America's Secretary of State, and the loyal spirit of the American Nation. He also paid a tribute to Japan, adding that Indo-China had no need to fear attack from Japan.

Replying to questions, he said the French delegation had at first urged the inclusion of Indo-China in the scope of the treaty, but that would have brought up problems in Manchuria and Korea, with consequent difficulties.

The two nine-Power treaties relating to China have not yet been reported upon by the Foreign Affairs Committee and will presumably be discussed at the autumn session.

TREASON SENTENCES.

HEAVY TERMS FOR GERMANS.

BAVARIAN CONSPIRACY.

MUNICH, June 9.

At the conclusion of the treason trial Fuchs was sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude, a fine of 2,000,000 marks, the loss of civil rights for ten years, and was ordered to pay the costs.

Johann Munk was sentenced to fifteen months' penal servitude, a fine of 30,000,000 marks, and expulsion from Germany.

The three accused were acquitted.

Professor George Fuchs, journalist and art critic, with others was charged with plotting to forcibly separate Bavaria from the Reich, to overthrow the Bavarian constitution, and to seek rapprochement with France and Czechoslovakia. One of the accused, a bandmaster named Mechhaus, hanged himself in prison. Another named Kules shot himself when arrested in March. It was alleged that the accused negotiated with a French colonel named Richert, former Coal Commissioner of the Saar, who is alleged to have placed seventy military marks at the disposal of the conspirators for the equipment and upkeep of military organisations.

NAVAL PACT.

JOGGING THE TARDY.

AMERICA'S DUTY.

July 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy, Mr. Stanley Baldwin said the Government had received no proposal from Japan with a view to carrying out the Washington naval convention by mutual agreement among Japan, Britain and the United States irrespective of any action France and Italy might take.

The British Government is carrying out the agreement in all parts, but the treaties of the Washington Act of 1922 restricting the building of war ships by private firms in certain aspects have not yet become operative.

LONDON, July 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to Earl Curzon, Mr. Ronald McNellie, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said it was for the United States Government rather than the British Government to take the initiative with regard to securing ratification of the other signatories of the Washington treaty in accordance with the Convention. The Government had not made and had not received any communication. He said that the French Chamber had ratified the naval treaty, the position was the same as he had stated it on February 21.

THURSDAY.

COMING REPARATIONS STATEMENT.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, July 9.

In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. Stanley Baldwin thought it would be possible to make a statement on Thursday with regard to reparations.

SEPARATE ACTION.

LONDON, July 9.

The Cabinet to-day discussed reparations. Lord Curzon, the Foreign Minister, reported the result of recent conferences with the French, Belgian and Italian Ambassadors.

Official circles are very secretive. It is anticipated that Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and Lord Curzon will shortly state the Government's decision in Parliament.

There is renewed talk of separate action by Britain in the event of France refusing to give a written reply to the British questionnaire.

MEANWHILE.

BERLIN, July 9.

A message from Duisburg states that the Belgians are now forcing dozens of Germans to travel as hostages in trains in the Ruhr.

It is stated that 30 citizens of Buer were thus utilised yesterday.

BRUSSELS, July 9.

Responding to French and Belgian demands following the Duisburg outrage, the German Government has promised to exercise its whole power to prevent further active resistance.

[A bomb exploded in a train of Belgian soldiers going on furlough as it was emerging from Duisburg Station. One coach was pulverised and nine persons were killed and 25 injured.]

FALL INTO LAKE.

BALLOON RACE ACCIDENT.

AVIATORS SUCCUMB.

NEW YORK, July 9.

Water craft and aeroplanes are searching the surface of Lake Erie in the hope of rescuing the two occupants of the naval balloon. It is believed that the basket of the balloon is still afloat, as it was practically unsinkable if properly cut from the bag.

[The naval balloon No. 16598, which started from Indianapolis on July 4, in the national balloon race, was found in Lake Erie, partly deflated. The basket was missing; and it was feared the two occupants had been drowned.]

PORT STANLEY, July 9.

The missing basket of the naval balloon was found this morning fourteen miles south-west of Port Stanley.

One body was inside.

PORT STANLEY, ONTARIO, July 9.

The body has been identified as that of Lieut. Roth. Death was apparently due to exposure.

PORT STANLEY, July 9.

Another body, answering the description of Lieut. Null, has been found near the basket.

COUNTY CRICKET.

GOOD BOWLING FEATS.

LONDON, July 9.

At Burton, Gloucestershire defeated Derbyshire by eight wickets. Parker (C.) took 7 wickets for 37 and 5 for 76 for the winners.

Sussex, at Hove, beat Worcestershire by seven wickets. A. E. Gilligan (Sussex) obtained 5 wickets for 11 runs and 4 for 51.

TENNIS IN U.S.A.

TILDEN DEFEATED.

GLENCOES, ILLINOIS, July 9.

Manuel Alonzo defeated Tilden 8/6, 11/13, 6/3 and 6-3 in the Illinois state tennis championship.

[Alonzo is the best player in Spain and Tilden (U.S.A.) has been recognised as world's champion. Neither participated in the recent Wimbledon tournament.]

DAVIS CUP TOURNEY.

EUROPEAN SEMI-FINAL.

LONDON, July 9.

At Eastbourne in the European zone semi-final for the Davis Cup, the first day's play resulted as follows:—Flaquer (Spain) beat Van Lennep (Holland) 5-7, 6-3, 8-6, 6-1; and Conde de Gomar (Spain) beat Van der Feen (Holland) 6-3, 6-0, 7-5.

PEACE WITH THE TURKS.

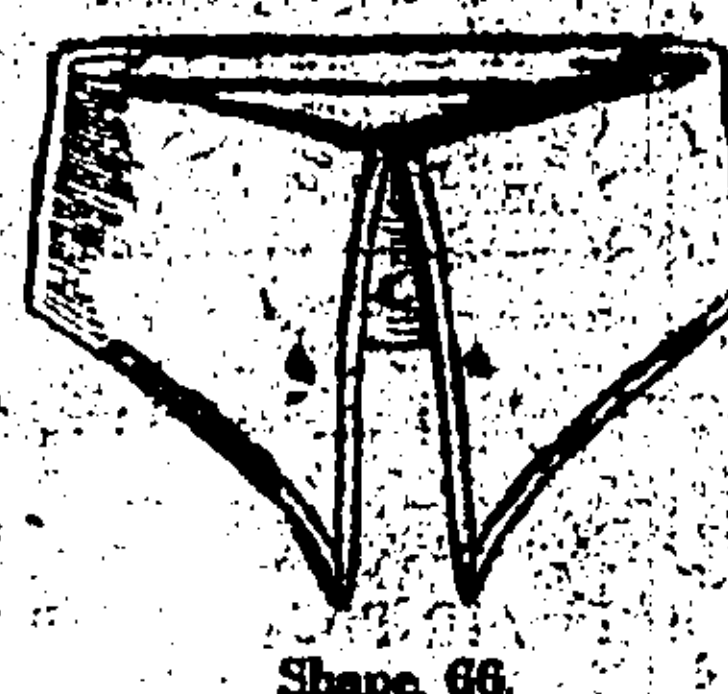
NEWS CAUSES RELIEF.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 9.

The Council of Commissioners has instructed Ernest Pasha to sign peace on the established basis. A proclamation is being issued tomorrow informing the population of the settlement. The news has been received in all Turkish quarters with relief and satisfaction.

(Other new cables will be found on page 4.)

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at the old premises of the Hongkong
Electric Co., Wing Fung Street,
Wanchai.Two (2) 550 B. H. P. Diesel Generators
Complete with alternators & exciters
Three (3) 200 B. H. P. Diesel Generators
Complete with alternators & exciters
Two (2) 250 K. W. Steam alternators
complete with exciters and switchboardsOne (1) Babcock & Wilcox water tube
boiler, complete with fittings and chain
stokeholder.
One (1) Saring type boiler complete
with fittingsTwo (2) 50 K. W. Alternators (without
exciters)
One (1) Main Switchboard consisting
of machine panels and feeder panels
One (1) Duplex Feed Pump
Three (3) Heenan & Frond type water
coolersOne (1) Lot of steel steam pipes and
valves
Two (2) Salzer pumps
Three (3) Albany Rotary pumps
Three (3) Fans for cooling towers and
three (3) motors for sameOne (1) Water tank
One (1) 120 Gallon oil tank
One (1) Set of spare gear for Diesel
Engine consisting of 25 items
One (1) 10 ton Travelling crane and
A Large Quantity of Structural Steel
work on the premisesNow on View.
For Further Particulars and terms of
Sale apply to the Undersigned.
LAMMERT BROS.
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Hongkong, May 23, 1923.

on
FRIDAY, July 13, 1923,
commencing at 5.15 p.m.at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
A Valuable Collection of
Postage Stamps
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On View from Wednesday, the 11th
July, 1923.Terms:—Cash on delivery.
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MONDAY, July 16, 1923,
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(ten cent) coins per working day of 10
hours.(Further particulars and inspection
orders may be obtained from Messrs.
Gibson & Co., Ltd., or the Undersigned).
Terms:—20 per cent of purchase
money to be paid on fall of hammer.
Balance to be paid within two weeks of
day of sale.**LAMMERT BROS.,**
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, June 13, 1923.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. A. Silva Netto
to sell by Public Auctionon
TUESDAY, July 17, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at "Belmont" No. 63 Robinson Road
The Whole of His
Valuable Household Furniture,
Comprising:—Grandfather Clock, Hatstands, hall
lamps, marble top table, hall chairs, hall
carpet, drawing room suite, bevelled
glass overmantle, marble top table,
carpet and rug, brass vase and
candelabra, bronzes, electric lights,
and brackets, curtains, and a collection
of old Chinese Curio, ceiling and
table fans, etc., etc.Solid teak extension dining table and
chairs, side-board with bevelled mirror,
dinner wagon and glass cabinet (im-
ported from America), tea table, dinner
crockery and five-hand painted dessert
set, marble clock, brass mounted fender
and fire brasses, crystal cut glass table
services, table ornaments vases and
bowls, cutlery, silver table ware and E.
P. ware, etc., etc.Iron bedsteads (double and single)
double and single wardrobes with
bevelled mirror doors, dressing table
with marble top and bevelled mirror,
chests of drawers, washstands, toilet
crockery, tapestry and lace curtains,
linen and one the above bedroom
suite, porcelain basins and enamel bath,
American for chest, cooking stove,
goyers, boilers, and cooking utensils.
A collection of oil paintings and water
colours by well known artists.Also
One 7-also piano by Robinson & Co.,
with a large quantity of records.
One Columbia Gramophone and
records.And
One full size billiard table by John
Roberts & Co., Ltd., with complete
accessories, comprising:—Cues,
markers, balls, cue stands and electric
light-fittings, shades etc., etc.A quantity of maiden hairs, palms
and plants to pots.On View from Sunday the 15th July
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WHAT IT COSTS. PRESENTED DAUGHTERS AT COURT.

If a mother is presenting her daughter—only possible if she herself has been presented—"going to Court" will mean a dip into the family exchequer to the extent of at least £120 (says a writer in the *Westminster Gazette*). Putting the debutante's dress at £40 and her mother's at £60, there is a clear one hundred pounds accounted for straight away. If the debutante objects to carry a bouquet the very lowest sum she can get one for is 17s. 6d.; her mother's would probably cost a couple of guineas, though if either mother or daughter already possessed one of those lovely long ostrich feather fans a saving could be made by carrying that instead of flowers.
Gloves and shoes are a big item and will account for at least seven guineas. Another necessity is the hairdresser, whose fee for waving and dressing two heads of hair will probably be fifteen shillings. Then there is the guinea fee for the curtsey lesson, an expenditure absolutely

necessary for the debutante, though not for her mother, who will not have to pass the Presence. Lastly, there is the carriage. A member of the Corps Diplomatique, with the privilege of the Special Entrance, will usually do a Court in three hours, and a hired carriage or car, with footman, for that period can be had for one and a half guineas.
THE DEBUTANTE WITHOUT A MOTHER.
If a debutante is not presented by her mother or some other relative with the right to do so, the total cost of her Court presentation may not be so high as the foregoing estimate, but it certainly cannot be accomplished for half that sum. The parents of a debutante must be prepared to pay pretty nearly all the costs of the lady who does make the presentation—her dressmaker's bill may be excepted—and make her a present into the bargain. For upon her devolves the trouble of making application to the Lord Chamberlain for the privilege of presenting their daughter, and she must hold herself in readiness to be consulted upon every little point of dress or etiquette that may seem doubtful to

the unsophisticated debutante and her relations.
The ceremonial of presentation at Court is somewhat hurried—these days in spite of the fact that only one curtsy, that to the King and Queen jointly, is demanded of a debutante, and not several as in the times when their Majesties' sons and daughters were each accorded an obsequious "if they were in the Throne Room." Whatever may be the reason for this curtailment of curtsies it is a fact that at one of the Courts last season the number of debutantes was so great, and they passed their Majesties in such rapid succession, that each oncoming debutante was almost on the heels of her curtsying predecessor.

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MAIL-WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.
A new and important factor in American politics is the campaign to boom Mr. Henry Ford as an independent candidate for the Presidency of the U.S. in 1924.
The report that Lord Reading contemplates resigning from his post as Viceroy of India, owing to the changes in the Home Cabinet is authoritatively denied at Simla.
American churches are starting a great nation-wide campaign against Bolshevik propaganda, which is stated to be attaining dangerous dimensions throughout the Union.
Among the litigants in a London County Court on one day recently were a number of people with curious names, including Wool, Sugar, Parthing, Pressman, Bride, Rod, Crystal, and Polly.
In his presidential address before the Royal Geographical Society, the Earl of Ronaldshay announced that it was hoped next year to launch another expedition for the purpose of attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.				Poultry.				Fruits.				Vegetables, &c.			
	June 28, 1928.	June 1918.	June 1914.		June 28, 1928.	June 1918.	June 1914.		June 28, 1928.	June 1918.	June 1914.		June 28, 1928.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Beef Sirloin.—Met Long Pa .. lb.	30	24	12	Chickens.—Kai .. lb.	55	30	31	Almonds.—Hang Yau .. lb.	65	35		Artichokes.—Ab Chi Cheuk .. each	8	7	
" Prime Out .. lb.	30	24	12	Capons.—Fowl .. lb.	50	28	30	Apples.—(California)—Ham Shai .. lb.	33	24		Bacon.—Tao Kok .. lb.	10	8	
" Corned.—Ham Ngau Yau .. lb.	23	20	10	Chickens.—Larg .. lb.	55	28	30	" (Oregon)—Ping Ho .. lb.	33	24		Beef.—Tao Kok .. lb.	10	8	
" Roast.—Shin .. lb.	30	24	12	Deer.—Ap .. lb.	30	22	23	Bananas.—(Bridle's)—Macao—Sai .. lb.	8	4		Beef.—Tao Kok .. lb.	10	8	
" Breast.—Ngau Nam .. lb.	26	20	18	Deer.—Ap .. lb.	30	22	23	Chickens.—(Bridle's)—Macao—Sai .. lb.	8	4		Beef.—Tao Kok .. lb.	10	8	
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DEATH.

WHITE. At 39, Humphreys Building, Kowloon at 12.50 p.m. on July 10, 1923, James William White, aged 43 years. Late Building Authority, P.W.D. Hongkong.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 10, 1923.

THE MAILS.

The record trip of the s.s. "Sarpedon" of the Blue Funnel Line, carrying mails of June 12, and arriving at Hongkong on Sunday, is a sign of the times, and an indication that soon Hongkong may expect to improve upon its pre-war advantages so far as delivery of its mail is concerned. The P. & O. S. S. Co., Ltd., so long identified with the voyage via Suez has also made steps to lessen the time taken in making the trip, as recent performances of some of her steamers indicate, whilst the performances of the "Empress" boats across the Pacific need no enumeration. It is a pleasing thing that our British Companies are thus alive to the absolute necessity of shortening space and time, and are doing their utmost to provide services that are at once efficient, safe and speedy. The gain should be indeed great—a gain in which the Companies themselves cannot fail to benefit. Our home letters which have a naturally peculiar attraction for us all, will reach us earlier. Our goods also will arrive in less time than hitherto, and the great gain to trade and commerce will be incalculable. Whether the improvements in the time taken to do the outwards passage are indications of a healthy

rivalry between two of the Companies mentioned, or a legitimate desire on the part of both to meet known wants need not worry us very much. The fact remains that the time taken is being lessened. Weary travellers will face the journey with less trepidation and those ever on the look-out for letters from home will thank the gods accordingly. When the via Siberia route becomes again an fait accompli, we shall begin to feel that England is but round the corner after all and that we are not very away from kith and kin.

Launch Traffic Dangers.

The capitalizing of the steam-launch "Foe Din Yat" a few yards from the Praya wall, Connaught Road West, on Sunday once more points the necessity of measures to maintain order aboard launches in the colony's waters. Years ago, when several companies ran launches between Hongkong and Yau-mai, vessels would often leave the wharves heavily loaded. Without reference to files, we can say there were at least two instances of launches capsizing through passengers crowding to one side to disembark quickly. Now that the Government has taken control, a schedule is followed and conditions are better. There is, however, still room for improvement on launches plying between Shaukiwan and Hunghom, and Hongkong and Kowloon City. There are quite a number of launches which come in from various points in the New Territories on which the laxity—brought about by a desire to secure more patrons—is very pronounced. In the case of the "Foe Din Yat" it is reported that the launch slowed down when only a few hundred yards from its berth so that the cargo of bottles could be landed a few minutes earlier. With control almost entirely lacking, it is only to be expected that an accident must occur sooner or later. On launches also which carry bathers to Stonecress, etc., there is generally a

marked list when returning to the pier. From this it is clear that measures to prevent accidents are not enough. Passengers must also play their part, for needless to point out, a minute gained clambering to one side is not worth the risk. An example of where regulations are not necessary is the Star Ferry, where the majority of passengers seem content to wait their turn. If people travelling by launches would only show the same spirit there would be no necessity for measures which may be deemed obnoxious. But if they will not behave themselves, then they must be treated like children.

Brevity

is the soul of wit. The old tag came to us with considerable force in reading Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's brief epigrammatic speech at the complimentary dinner given to Captain Spinks by his racing colleagues of the Jockey Club. Rising to demands, Mr. Dowbiggin said, simply, "One word describes Captain Spinks—a sportsman." Here is verbal evidence of Martin Luther's advice to speakers to "Stand up, speak up, shut up." Lincoln's Gettysburg speech is for all time the speech par excellence where by the elimination of the entirely unnecessary by wise pruning nothing but the absolutely vital remains. A great occasion is thus epitomised in about 100 words of burning English that leave no room for doubt or ambiguity, that make the issue plain and stamps its message for more than a fleeting moment on the minds of hearers and readers alike. Imagine a Lloyd George, a Curzon or a Birkenhead on a Gettysburg occasion! The head reels at the thought. Examples abound in the world of brevity, not only in the matter of speechmaking, but in that possibly greater human activity letter-writing. Haydon the artist has invited Charles Lamb to visit him and has given minute directions to Lamb how to find his way. Lamb replies:—

"My dear Haydon, I will come with pleasure, to 22, Lisson Grove, North, at Rossi's, half-way up, right-hand side, if I can find it."

Yours, C. Lamb.

20, Russell Court, Covent Garden, East, half-way up, next the corner, right-hand side."

Mr. E. V. Lucas in his charming anthology "The Gentlest Art" gives an excellent example of brevity. "Dear Son," writes a mother, "I am in prison. Your affectionate mother." Dear Mother" replies the son, "so am I. Your affectionate son."

We have commented previously on the value of Debating Societies for the advantages likely to accrue to the art of public speaking, for enlarging the mind and bringing it to bear intelligently on the questions that be-and-up-set us. If we thought they were likely to produce speeches and speechmakers of the stamp of the one who has excited this Comment, we should feel we were doing a public duty in insisting that they become at once a feature of our life out here.

Today's Poem.

Jenny kissed me when we met,
Jumping from the chair she sat in;
Time, you thief! who love to get
Sweets into your list, put that in.
Say I'm weary, say I'm sad;
Say that health and wealth have
missed me;
Say I'm growing old, but add—
Jenny kissed me!

LEIGH HUNT.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT.

July 10.—Coronet Theatre, "Just Dogs" and Constance Talmadge in "The Perfect Woman."
July 10.—World Theatre, Buck Jones in "Straight from the Shoulder."
July 10.—Star Theatre, "The Barber of Seville."
July 11.—"Carmen"
July 12.—"Mignon"
July 12.—Promenade Concert, Volunteer parade ground, 9.15 p.m.
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

July 11.—Lammert Bros., at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, at 3 p.m., a large quantity of wines, spirits and malt liquors.
July 12.—Lammert Bros., Electrical equipment. Old premises of the Hongkong Electric Co., Wing Fung St., Wanchai, 8 p.m.
July 13.—Lammert Bros., valuable collection of stamps, sales rooms, 5.15 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to a Peking message the situation there is becoming tenser. Uneasiness is apparent everywhere. Even the volume of traffic in the streets has diminished.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley cemetery last evening of Mr. George Rieve, chief Engineer of the s.s. "Sheaf Dart." Mr. Rieve died in the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday after a brief illness.

The Russian delegates have declared their willingness to accept responsibility for the Nikolaevsk affair in principle, states a Reuter cable from Tokyo. This is regarded as a more hopeful sign of the satisfactory outcome of the conversations on this subject.

The Canadian Pacific Railway will decide within a few weeks whether its nearly completed line between Mattawa and Lake des Quinnes will be extended further to the new gold field in Quebec, some forty miles more to the north. Engineers have been sent to this district to make plans for a possible extension.

Australia and New Zealand appear to be determined to exclude Germans for some years yet, remarks *Stead's Review* (Melbourne). Hongkong has re-admitted them since the 28th August last; the Federated Malay Straits Settlements since the 13th October; Ceylon will allow Germans to enter again before the end of the current year, and Siam in January, 1923.

According to a Reuter cable from Peking, it is reported from Canton that twenty-five of Sun Yat-sen's generals have wired Tang Shao-yi, stating that the troubles in Kwangtung are due to Chen Chiung-ming, having joined the Chihli party against Sun Yat-sen. If he will lead his troops against the Chihlites in Kwangsi and Fukien, they will pardon him they declare, otherwise they will do their best to crush him.

Motion picture programmes aboard the ships of the Canadian Pacific fleet, inaugurated as one of the exclusive features of its service, have become such a popular form of entertainment that they will be extended to all of the company's lines, both on the Atlantic and the Pacific. It is believed that these films will be the best possible way to advertise Canada. The films are of Canadian manufacture, the product of one of the newest of Canadian industries.

Fifty years a resident of Yokohama, during 45 years of which he gave all his time and energies in working for the welfare of seamen visiting the port, were rounded out on June 23 by the Rev. W. T. Austen, one of the oldest British residents of the city and the senior missionary resident of Japan. The large circle of friends of the veteran mission worker joined in extending hearty congratulations during the day. Mr. Austen was for a time in charge of the seamen's mission in Hongkong and St. Peter's Church West Point.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. G. Edkins returned to the Colony by the "President Lincoln" on July 8. Mr. Edkins returns in October.

Mr. H. G. Forbes who has retired from the secretaryship of the British North Borneo Company has been succeeded by Mr. A. C. Pearson, late Governor of North Borneo.

Straits papers announce the death, which occurred at Penang, of Capt. Hugh R. Adams, the eldest son of Col. Sir Arthur R. Adams, at the comparatively early age of 32.

Sir Duncan Carmichael, M.L.C., is dead. He was born in 1856 and was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., and a director of Messrs. Anderson, Green and Co., Ltd. He was a son of Mr. Dugald Carmichael, Greenock.

Mr. H. M. Tomlinson, who was associated with Mr. H. J. Messingham in the control of the Nation and Athenaeum until that weekly changed hands, has left England on an extended voyage to the Dutch East Indies. Mr. Tomlinson is an authority on seafaring matters.

COMING MARRIAGES.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—
Mr. John Alexander Fraser, civil servant, to Miss Gladys Maude Turner, Doctor of Medicine, both of Hongkong.
Mr. John Simon St. George Cooper, engineer, No. 238, Bente Gardens, Messers. Shanghai, to Miss Vera Macdonald Grant, No. 65, Haddingly Lane, Leeds, England.

THE NEW JOURNALISM.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE REVEALED.

(Specially Contributed.)

Readers of local papers must have noticed the frequency with which local Editors send their "young men" to interview all and sundry, particularly Government officials, on any topic that comes to their ken. At the way things are progressing we may expect to read such items as follows:—

A representative of the *China Mail* waited upon the Colonial Secretary this morning to ascertain what steps the Government proposed to take regarding the deplorable occurrence at Fanning on Sunday, when a hailstone said to have been five inches in length and weighing as many pounds is said to have crashed on to the 9th hole, causing an oval aperture wide enough to admit a golf ball and which caused considerable havoc amongst golfers, leading to inter-temperate disputes, much uneasiness and almost loss of life. The Colonial Secretary who seemed surprised that the news had leaked out, said that officially they had no news of what was alleged to have taken place. As soon as the Golf Club chose to make a report, the Government would take action, probably appointing a commission to investigate and report on the following:—

1.—Did the hailstone fall or was it pushed?
2.—Why did it fall?
3.—What are its separate and conjoint significance?
4.—Where is that hailstone now? Asked who were likely to compose the Commission, the Colonial Secretary said they had not got as far as that yet. After all this was a Government Department. Probably the Director of Education would be Chairman with the ex-Postmaster General, now on leave, as it was felt that a Commission of two with one away was the best modus vivendi, or tempus fugit, or whatever it was that met the case.

Our representative called upon the Captain Superintendent of Police yesterday to enquire what action if any he proposed to take regarding the suggestions that the Police Force needed to be reformed—in italics. The C.S.P., who belied his name by smiling sweetly upon our representative, said that as to reformation, the soul of progress, as he believed Mr. Coxman Cole had said, or probably regretted that he didn't say—progress was the motto of the Force. Accordingly there was no need for reformation. He thought Martin Luther had settled that at the Treaty of Versailles, or perhaps it was the Diet of Worms?

The Acting Deputy Director of the Pay Works Department was waited upon this afternoon by our representative who enquired if there was any significance to be attached to the fact that H.E. the Governor had made less use of the word—if it was a word—"or" in his last Council speech, than ever before, and if so what did his Department propose to do about it? The A.D.D.P.W., who seemed surprised, yet glad, that such a question should be addressed to him, said that so far as he was concerned he took no interest in speeches. His wife made all the speeches that were necessary ("For God's sake, don't put that in" he said) whilst he really had nothing to say.

The Director of Education was waited upon first thing this morning in order to obtain his views regarding the Education Board. After waiting about half an hour, our representative received a note which did not appear to have been written in the script style now being adopted locally. After some time devoted to it we gather that the D. of E., makes it an invariable rule never to allow himself to be interviewed by anyone not possessing a visiting card. With regard to the Education Board, he had been brought up never to make use of strong language, and he regretted, strong as the inclination was in this case, he could not depart from that rule. Others could use their discretion but he deplored crying stinking fish and always went about with an open mind. The utterances of Mr. Coxman Cole did not call for any comment whatever.

T. W. H.

RENTS CLAIM.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge), Yuen Yung-yu, trading as the Hop Yick Lung (Chee Koo), and the Tsung Fat Firm and Ling Po-yue, one of the partners, to recover \$77 arrears of rent in respect of a portion of the ground floor of 18A, Peel Street.

Mr. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Mather, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo & Lo for the defendant. After listening to lengthy legal arguments in which many authorities were quoted from either side, the Judge reserved judgment.

ACROSS AMERICA.

LATEST NON-STOP FLIGHT.

FORCED LANDING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

MITCHEL FIELDS, NEW YORK, July 9.

Lieut. Russell L. Maughan started at 4.55 in the morning on the first section of his attempt to complete a dawn to dusk flight across America.

The flight has been planned by the United States Air Service using a Curtiss pursuit aeroplane similar to the machine in which Lieut. Maughan, and Lieut. Maitland recently established world speed records. The aeroplane is capable of an average speed of 160 miles an hour.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

NEW YORK, July 9. Lieut. Maughan landed near St. Joseph, in Missouri, owing to engine trouble. Damaging his machine, he has abandoned the flight.

BACK TO WORK.

DOCKERS' AGREEMENT UPHOLD.

STRIKERS OBDURATE.

LONDON, July 9.

The conference of the Transport Workers Union in London passed a resolution declaring the dockers' agreement must be honoured and urging the strikers to resume work. An amendment urging support for the strikers was defeated by 136 votes to 18. Dockers everywhere remain on strike, except at Liverpool, where over half have resumed work. Some 14,000 colliers have been made idle in Monmouthshire in consequence of the dockers' strike.

QUEENS KISS.

ROYAL HOLIDAY MEETING.

LONDON, July 9.

The Queen of Holland and Prince Henry of the Netherlands, holidaying in the Lake District, visited the British King and Queen on the royal train at Carlisle in the course of the latter's journey to Edinburgh.

They exchanged cordial greetings, the two Queens kissing affectionately, and the King saluting Queen Wilhelmina with the hand.

ALLEGED TREASON DISPROVED.

FRENCH EDITOR ACQUITTED.

LONDON, July 9.

Ernest Judet, former editor of the *Eclair*, has been acquitted on the charge of having relations with the enemy during the war. Judet was sentenced in absentia in February to perpetual detention in a fortress on the same charge. He voluntarily returned to France from Switzerland to stand trial.

AMERICA'S HOLY GROUND.

BATTLE MEMORIAL PARK.

PARIS, July 9.

Belleau Wood, where many Americans fell in the fighting of July, 1918, has been bought for 200,000 francs as a national American Memorial Park. It will be consecrated on July 23, General Harbord representing the United States Army. Marshal Foch will be present.

AMERICA'S COAL INDUSTRY.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST STRIKES.

WASHINGTON, July 9.

The report of the Coal Commission, established by Congress last October recommends that in the event of cessation of operation of the industry, the President should be empowered to declare a state of emergency and take charge of the mines, fix the miners' wages and compensation to the owners, subject to review by the courts, and to distribute the output.

BIGAMY?

WHAT THE CLOCK COULD TELL.

Were they bigamists, breakers of the law—this beautiful, well-bred girl and this clean-cut, high-minded young man? Only the clock could tell.

She had married, believing her husband-in-principle to be dead. She had made a serious mistake once acting on a foolish impulse; had she now committed a still graver error?

These are the questions which will stir you as you watch the unfolding of the Reel feature Mid-night, in which Constance Talmadge will be seen here at the World Theatre this week beginning Wednesday.

ANOTHER WINNER.

CINEMA PROGRAMME LUOK.

Cinema theatre patrons will have noted from their programmes that every time they visit the show they may with luck win goods to the value of \$5. Each programme bears a number. These numbers are drawn in the usual way and the winner receives a coupon which he can exchange for goods with any of the advertisers. The results are announced in the *China Mail*. Yesterday we gave two numbers, one for the World Theatre and the other for the Coronet Theatre. To-day we give the third. If holder of Coronet Theatre programme, Sunday and Monday, July 8 and 9, No. 948, will send same to this office, we shall be glad to forward coupon value \$5 which can be exchanged for goods to the same value with any of the advertisers in the *China Mail*.

LOCAL SPORT.

HONGKONG WEMBLEY SCHEME.

MEETING BEING HELD SOON.

The executive of the Hongkong Football Association are taking the keenest interest in the *China Mail's* suggestion for a local Wembley. A meeting held yesterday, with Mr. Wilton (President), Mr. May and Mr. James (Secretary) present, decided to issue invitations to all the athletic associations in the Colony to appoint two delegates to attend a meeting on July 24 to discuss the matter.

The meeting will probably be convened at the Hongkong Hotel, as the City Hall is not available.

Certain suggestions will be put before the meeting and, if approved, the delegates will be asked to select a committee to draw up a tentative scheme. This scheme will be placed before the Colonial Secretary in order that the Government's views on granting a site may be obtained. If a favourable reply is received from the Government, a further meeting of Club delegates will be called to discuss "ways and means," Mr. Wilton told a *China Mail* representative this morning.

BAILEY'S SHIPYARD.

NEW STEAM LAUNCH FOR POST OFFICE.

On Thursday last the builders, Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., ran the official trials of a new mail carrying steam launch for the Postal Department.

Four runs were made over the measured course in Kowloon Bay giving a mean speed of nine and a half knots, or half a knot over the contract speed. The machinery worked perfectly.

The vessel, which will be known as Post Office II, is 71 feet overall by 15 feet 2 inches beam, having a mean draft with coal, water and 10 tons of mail on board of 8 feet.

The hull is built of teak and divided into four watertight compartments by three steel bulkheads, with machinery and crew space aft and mail hold forward, also office on deck for postal official.

A large hatch is fitted to one mail hold. Canvas awnings are provided all fore and aft, also steering bridge and pole mast.

The machinery consists of a set of compound surface condensing engines and marine return tube boiler working at 180 lbs. pressure.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CAUSES OF DRUNKENNESS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—According to Sir Thomas Oliver, D.Sc., a craving for stimulant is caused by over-speeding of working at too great a pressure, prolonged over-strain, working in dark workrooms, defective feeding, and uncomfortable and unattractive homes. Too true! How often I have observed that when over-speeding in my work at the hotel I have felt that craving for more! When at my daily occupation in a dark lounge has I have often been irresistibly impelled to have another. The defective feeding provided by the counter-lunch is another dreadful inducement to the consumption of liquor. Man cannot live by prawns alone. As to the discomfort of homes—fortunately I do not possess one; but when I see other men's homes I agree with Sir Thomas.

Yours, etc.

Wm. Hoar, Hongkong, July 8.

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COMMERCIAL

HONGKONG NOTES AND COMMENT.

HOORINGS IN METALS.

Chinese dealers have come forward with orders for various kinds of metals and hardware. Inquiries have gone to and fro and it is now reported that some orders for steel bars and angles have been placed with home manufacturers. The prices seem to be rather low. Whether this is due to a stray offering or to a desire to do business is only to remain connections is not known but the price is said to be about £9. 6s. 0d. per ton, basis sizes, C & F Hongkong, shipment or arrival in about three months. Although the business is not large it is good bearing in these dull times and importers are now hoping for further orders for iron.

EXPORT.

Several orders for the usual hand-to-mouth small lots of ginger for Europe have been booked in the local market. It is also reported that some Wood Oil has been done for America at a fairly good price.

TIN PRICES.

HEAVY DROP EXPLAINED.

LONDON, July 9. The Times attributes the fall in the price of £50 a ton in the past few months mainly to over purchases of the metal, particularly on American account; to the less promising trade outlook, especially in America; and to the closing of bullish speculative accounts. The Times points out that the statistical position has improved and the visible supply has fallen from 22,500 tons to 17,500 tons during the past six months.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

LONDON, July 8. To-day's exchange quotations were:—German marks 1,250,000 to £1, French francs 73-25, Belgian francs 97-15.

JAPAN MARKET.

After the sudden rise in Cuba sugar on the New York market on the 19th, a telegram to hand on the 20th reported a further improvement by 12.5 cents to \$5.50. This was attributed to an increase of demand in America, says the Japan Chronicle of June 26. The Java Sugar market was reported stationary and September deliveries, in the city at 16.33 guilders for August Quaker market the quotation rose by 40 or 50 sen to ¥19.80. Then selling offers increased and toward the close June delivery dropped to ¥40.90 and July delivery to ¥19.60. In the spot delivery market centrifugal stood at ¥24 and refined sugar at ¥29.

AMERICAN BOOM.

It is reported that American sugar dealers are now reimporting considerable quantities from Europe on account of the hardening of the home market and the difficulty of obtaining the supplies they need from Cuba.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCE.

With sugar and other costs higher the 1923 fruit pack cannot but be high in price as compared with 1922. Local buyers persisted in thinking that there would only be a slight advance in opening prices, and were more or less disappointed as a result. Some of the buyers are still holding back hoping for a future drop, but there is no reason to expect any such thing, says the California correspondent of a Home commercial paper in mail week. Pineapples the entire pack has been reported as sold out, and the question now is whether the jobbers and wholesalers will be able to get their full quotas. Tomatoes are being sold at a premium. In asparagus the heavy acreage planted out this year may make prices easier. In 1921 the acreage was 20,000; this year it is 29,000.

In salmon, medium reds are approaching a "clean up." Most of this stock will be sold before the new pack can arrive. That there will be a short pack is beyond doubt, and its consequence prices are firm.

WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Mr. A. J. Nathan, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Ngankin." Mr. W. Jones, chief officer, "Ngankin," is on reserve. Mr. C. C. Russell, second officer, "Lian," is on reserve. Mr. P. R. Cheetham, second officer, "Yunnan," is on reserve. Mr. W. Lamont, chief engineer, "Sinkiang," has gone chief engineer, "Liangchow."

Mr. C. N. Flood, chief engineer, "Liangchow," has gone chief engineer, "Sinkiang." Mr. D. Short has been appointed third engineer, "Kashang."

Mr. T. R. Pringle, chief engineer, "Kashang," has gone chief engineer, "Wuchang."

Mr. A. N. McDonald, second engineer, "Luanyi," has gone acting chief engineer, "Kashang."

Mr. E. Meldrum, second engineer, "Luchow," has gone second engineer, "Luanyi."

Mr. J. Clark, second engineer, "Whangpu," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Knowles, second engineer, "Fochow," has gone second engineer, "Liangchow."

Mr. W. Pollock, third engineer, "Woosung," has gone third engineer, "Foyang."

Mr. J. McCann, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Woosung."

Mr. J. W. Bunting, second officer, "Fuhwo," is on reserve. Mr. F. Laloe, sup'y second officer, "Suiwo," has gone second officer, "Fuhwo."

Mr. T. O'Hara, from leave, has gone second officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. F. S. Hollingshead, second officer, "Tuckwo," is on leave.

Captain J. Campbell, of the "Hopsang," has gone master, "Yatshing."

Captain N. W. Van Cortlandt, of the "Yatshing," has gone master, "Hopsang."

Mr. J. R. Doughty, chief officer, "Kumsang," has gone acting master, same ship.

Captain T. Grant, of the "Kumsang," is on leave.

Captain A. Fernandes, from reserve, has gone master, "Hopsang."

Mr. E. A. Neilson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kumsang."

Mr. R. G. Lowndes, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kumsang."

Mr. E. P. Smith, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kwongsai."

Mr. H. Cornwell, chief officer, "Kwongsai," has gone acting master, same ship.

Captain J. Acock, of the "Kwongsai," is on leave.

Mr. J. F. Nicoll, chief officer, "Hopsang," is on leave.

Captain P. Jowitt, from reserve, has gone master, "Loongsang."

Captain J. McAlinsh, of the "Loongsang," has gone master, "Fooshing."

Captain C. E. Webb, of the "Fooshing," is on reserve.

Mr. C. E. Compton, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Kungwo."

Captain J. A. Murphy, of the "Hopsang," is on leave.

Captain C. Stewart, of the "Kwonglee," has gone master, "Hopsang."

Captain J. MacArthur, late master, "Kiangwah," is deceased.

Mr. P. Mullen, second officer, "Hsinking," has resigned.

HAMBURG IMPORTS.

The movements of goods have slowed down somewhat in the week ending June 1. There were fewer coal shipments and open quays for coal remained partly unused. Means of transport especially of closed trucks, were somewhat inadequate, owing to the rush on the railways before the increase in the rates. Among the imports were 95,000 tons of English coal, 15,000 tons of Scottish coal, 1,000 tons of soybeans, 10,000 bales of tobacco, 5,000 bales of cotton, 43,000 macks, 14,000 cases of shoes, 100,000 sacks of rice, 0,000 bushels of wheat, 92,000 bushels of wheat, and 190,000 sacks of corn.

CAPTAIN E. G. SPINKS.

AN ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN.

FAREWELL DINNER.

Captain E. G. Spinks, who is sailing for Home to-morrow, was the guest of honour at a dinner given at the Hongkong Hotel by local jockeys and their friends.

Mr. Blason was in the chair and was supported by Mr. Harold Seth, Mr. Alfes and Mr. Dowbiggin. Capt. Spinks occupying a seat of chairman's right. A replica of the local race course formed the centerpiece between the two side tables, while the menu stands were horse-shoes bound in the colours of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The (Race) Courses included "Horse Cocktails," "Gymkhana Soup," "Fish & a Griffin," "Saddle of Mutton," "Furlong of Beef," "Fruit and Whipped Cream" and "Snaffle your Coffee." The menu cards bore a capital cartoon of Capt. Spinks riding a finish.

At either end of the room were black and yellow flags with horsehoof, snaffle, spurs and racing whip as a centre-piece.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, Mr. Blason proposed the health of the guest of the evening.

The speaker said how sorry he was to hear that Capt. Spinks had no intention of riding in races at Home and therefore it would not be their pleasure of reading in the near future that he had won the Grand National or some other famous race. Mr. Blason described Capt. Spinks as the most optimistic man he had ever met. No matter what pony he rode, whether good or bad, he always got the best out of it and was never beaten until the winner passed the post. He was sure that all present wished their old friend a very pleasant voyage home and a happy time in the Old Country. (Cheers).

Mr. H. Seth, supporting the toast, related an incident which happened at the gymkhana meeting in April, 1922, when young Mr. Nemaze rode Knocknuck Leg. Coming up the straight Nemaze crossed Spinks. When Capt. Spinks came in Mr. Seth spoke to him about it, and Captain Spinks replied "Young Nemaze would not deliberately cross anybody to save his life; that boy rode a clean race and I am not going to lodge a protest." Mr. Seth added "all I could say was 'You are a sportsman.'"

"One word describes Capt. Spinks—sportsman," remarked Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, who was called upon to support the toast, which was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

CAPTAIN SPINKS REPLIES.

On rising to reply, Capt. Spinks met with a rousing ovation. He said that he could truthfully say he did not look forward with any feelings of pleasure to going Home after having spent such a very happy time in Hongkong, except for the reason that it might mean an improvement in his wife's health. That night he had had a very fine compliment paid to him in being described as a sportsman. He thought he could truthfully say that he had always tried to do what was right; he sometimes lost his temper as most of them did but he certainly bore no malice afterwards. Capt. Spinks went on to say that he had been riding for about 40 years on all sorts of horses in all parts of the world. He could be excused for feeling that when he came to Hongkong he knew all about them, but he had found almost every time he had gone on to the course something fresh to learn. It was a mistake for a young man to think that he knew everything about riding.

BOYHOOD AMBITION.

Capt. Spinks told the gathering that when a boy his ambition in life was to be a jockey, and at 13 he started riding horses. He enjoyed himself quite as much when riding at 13 as when he had commenced. Mr. Blason had kindly said that he had always tried to do his best. That was perfectly true. Capt. Spinks said he was not bragging when he said that he felt just as comfortable on a horse as in a chair. Knowing how difficult it was to control China ponies he could sympathise with the young men who came out on inexperienced mounts, which were really troublesome with their short necks and hard mouths.

DANGER TO RIDERS.

Captain Spinks, in conclusion said: "In my life-time, I have been in some pretty tight corners and I do not say without good cause that the jockeys here have not sufficient protection on the course from nullahs and ditches. Only last Saturday, in the first race, I had to choose between going into a nullah, six feet deep, or the ditch opposite. Hope Dahlia ran absolutely blindly and I am quite sure another yard would have carried me through the fence into the nullah. Boatman would have gone through it like a piece of paper if the start had been made at the two mile post. The ponies run blindly, and sometimes some of them appear to suffer from mad staggers." Capt. Spinks added that he hoped the stewards would not think he was criticising too harshly, but he felt bound to say what he believed to be true. He

ANIMALS AS ACTORS.

"JUST DOGS" AT THE CORONET.

Dog-lovers will appreciate the novel film, "Just Dogs," which commenced at the Coronet to-day. All the artists in this picture are animals, and practically all are dogs. Making screen pictures out of dogs requires both patience and genius. Take for example a scene to be taken of a busy day in Main Street, Dogtown. Traffic is moving from right to left, and pedestrians—all animals—are walking in every direction. The herculean job is to get animals of ordinary intelligence to listen to half a dozen trainers all talking at once. The average picture-goer wonders how such comedies are produced. It looks so simple on the screen, and probably few realise the time, patience and money expended. Of course, even dogland has its stars. "Brownie" is a dog-star, and has appeared in between thirty and forty pictures. "Just Dogs" should provide a refreshing novelty and prove a picture of far more than usual interest. The Coronet's big film is "The Perfect Woman," in which Constance Talmadge shows how she vamps a marriageable young woman. Anyone who saw it when it was screened at the Star recently will testify as to the excellence of its humour, but the name First National will be a sufficient guarantee to regular theatre-goers.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Kutsang, (J. M. & Co.) from Kobe, Amoy.—Kowloon Wharf. Chiki, (M. M. Cie.) from Yokohama, Shanghai.—At. Fo Tung, (Chun Tung) from Kwong-chow-wan, Macao.—Co's Wharf.

Drufer, (Yuen Seng Fat) from Bangkok.—Cig.

Pasat, (Kwong Mow Tai) from Dairen.—Cjs.

Taiqua Maru, (Y.K.K.) from Haiphong, Hainan.—Bz.

Song Bo, (Lapicque & Co.) from Haiphong.—Bz.

Cheongshing, (J. M. & Co.) from Tientsin, Weihaiwei.—Cjz.

Bintang, (J. Manners) from Bangkok.—Cjz.

Hamburg Maru, (O.S.K.) from Singapore.—A29.

Sungshan Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—Cjz.

Suiyang, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy.—Cjz.

DEPARTURES.

Gweneth, (Kin Tye Lung) for Bangkok.—July 10.

St. Albans, (M.M. & Co.) for Moji.—July 10.

Chili, (M. M. Cie.) for Saigon.—July 10.

Tijilwong, (J.C.J.L.) for Yokohama.—July 10.

Harunasan Maru, (M.B.K.) for Hongkong.—July 10.

Sunli, (Po On) for Fort Bayard.—July 10.

Soochow, (B. & S.) for Amoy.—July 10.

Lake Gitano, (Pacific Mail) for Singapore.—July 10.

Sargapod, (B. & S.) for Dalny, Shanghai.—July 10.

West Prospect, (St. & Barry) for Saigon.—July 10.

Samarang Maru, (Nanyo Y. K.) for Moji.—July 10.

Reims, (Tai Woo) for Hoihow.—July 10.

Haihong, (Douglas) for Fochow, Swatow.—July 10.

should always look back upon the enjoyable time he had spent in Hongkong and should carry away with him pleasant memories of his stay here.

MAJOR WHITE WELCOMED.

In welcoming Major White, Mr. Seth said that sorry as they all were to lose Captain Spinks they were pleased that another soldier had arrived to take his place, who already had shown them that he was quite capable of being the first to catch the "Judge's eye."

In reply, Major White said that to describe him as the successor to Capt. Spinks was setting too high a standard. There was one thing he wished to say and he was quite sure Capt. Spinks would agree with him. Soldiers were always birds of passage and could not help making comparisons as to how they were treated at the various places where they were stationed. Generally they were greeted with the remark, "Here is another of these blank soldier men trying to shove himself in." In his travelling about the world Major White said he had never been better treated as a newcomer than he was in Hongkong. He very much appreciated the kindness which had been shown him in giving him mounts only a month or so after his arrival. I am sure Capt. Spinks will agree with me, Major White concluded, "this consideration is very much appreciated amongst fellows like us, who do not know what it means to be a resident anywhere."

Recitations, step-dancing, and song, in which Messrs. Callender, Blason, Macaniana and Potta bore the brunt, brought a pleasant night's entertainment to a close.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES W. WHITE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James William White, which took place shortly before 1 o'clock to-day at 39, Humphrey Building, Kowloon.

The late Mr. White, who was 48 years of age, had been in ill-health for the last two years, but on his return from Home leave early this year was very much better. For the last fortnight Mr. White had not been up to the work, but as recently as last Thursday he was in office.

On Sunday, Mr. White suddenly became worse and died to-day as stated.

Mr. White joined the Public Works Department in January, 1910, as an Assistant Engineer. In 1915 he was raised to the first grade. From April 9 to October 31, 1916, he was on half-pay leave. In 1918 he was acting Executive Engineer. In 1920, Mr. White was made second grade Executive Engineer (Resumptions Office) and from September 15 to November 30 acted as first grade Executive Engineer in charge of Buildings Ordinance Work, and for a time acted as Government Assessor in addition.

In August last year Mr. White went home on leave, returning to the Colony early this year.

Mr. White leaves a widow and two young sons with whom much sympathy will be felt. The late Mr. White was a prominent Freemason and deputy organist at the Cathedral.

The funeral takes place this evening at Happy Valley cemetery, the cortege passing the Monument at 6.30 p.m.

STOLEN JEWELS.

BROADWOOD TERRACE ROBBERY.

DETAILS IN COURT.

Details of the theft from Mr. T. R. Parsons' house, No. 2 Broadwood Terrace, of a quantity of jewellery valued at \$550 (reported in yesterday's issue) were given in Mr. J. R. Wood's court this morning when Divisional Inspector Aris prosecuted a Chinese described as a fisherman.

It appears that on July 6, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons returned to their house at about 12.30 at night. Defendant is alleged to have climbed up the water-spout shortly afterwards and to have stolen the articles from a dressing-table. The following day he was arrested in a pawnshop at Wanchai where he was stated to be endeavouring to dispose of the valuables. It is surmised that the alleged thief must have kept a watch on the house for some time previous to the theft.

\$1,000 REWARD.

MISSING MERCHANT "WANTED."

On June 21 it was reported in the China Mail's Commercial Notes that a Chinese merchant had had a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the conviction of one Ya Yeh-cho, described as of the Hongkong Import Co. for alleged obtaining by false pretences, a sum of over \$20,000 from Wing Lee Sang of Wing Lok Street.

In connection with this the police have offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the conviction of one Ya Yeh-cho, described as of the Hongkong Import Co. for alleged obtaining by false pretences, a sum of over \$20,000 from Wing Lee Sang of Wing Lok Street.

Prosecuting a Chinese boy for hawking without a licence, Sergeant Elston told Mr. C. D. Meigs, barrister, that the boy had been given six strokes in May for "the same offence in the same place."

His Whirlip.—Six strokes in the same place.

A further attack by bandits on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway is reported to be probable. Information is said to have reached Peking that the bandits are concentrating near Nanhai (?), and the military have received orders to be ready to deal with the menace.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

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LAUNCH DISASTER.

FOUR MORE BODIES FOUND.

In connection with the capsizing of the steam-launch "Foo Din Yat" on Sunday morning when it is alleged, a number of coolies and sorters boarded the vessel to take delivery of a cargo of liches and some of the passengers tried to get off, thereby causing the launch to list, three corpses of females, believed to have been passengers on the launch, were found this morning near the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s West Point wharf. Another body, also of a female, was found near the Steamboat Co.'s Macao wharf at Wing Lok Street.

It is stated, unofficially, that several bodies were found yesterday. If this is correct the number of passengers given by the coronian, of which all but five were said to have been accounted for, must be wrong.

THE REFORMER'S LOT.

HONGKONG "MUI TSAI" AGITATION.

We shall be much interested in reading what the Hongkong papers have to say in reply to the Daily News article complaining of the wrong still being done to Commander and Mrs. Haslewood in connection with the Mui-tsai at Hongkong says the N.C.D. News. One reply is obvious and can be made with a good deal of fairness. At the time Commander and Mrs. Haslewood were in Hongkong and the subject was raised by the latter, Great Britain was in the throes of the most deadly war it has ever had to face. Hongkong, it is true, was merely on the fringe of events, but in common with other parts of the Empire was doing what it could to provision the British forces in the field and at sea. While such a struggle was being waged it was no time to dissipate energies on reforms, however important, and Hongkong accordingly did right in declining to trouble the British Government about the matter. Further the Government of Hongkong was deeply concerned that life there should pursue the even tenour of its way, and any disturbing influence was to be deprecated. The Chinese of Hongkong have said themselves that a reform such as this was a factor calculated to upset the populace, and to that extent they justify the Colonial Government in the steps it took to remove that cause. When zeal outruns discretion officialdom cannot be happy, and Governments would be something more than human if subsequently they proceeded to reward those who had planted thorns in their path.

THE GLOOMY GUEST.

The best man noticed that one of the wedding guests, a gloomy-looking young man, did not seem to be enjoying himself. He was wandering about as though he had lost his best friend. The best man took it upon himself to cheer him up. "Er—have you kissed the bride?" he asked by way of introduction. "Not lately," replied the gloomy one, with a far-away expression.

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ARMED TO THE TEETH.

BIG JUNK PIRATED NEAR HONGKONG.

ATTEMPTED SALE HERE?

The story of an alleged piracy in Chinese waters and subsequent efforts to trace the junk was related at the Magistracy this morning, when eight Chinese, who were arrested at Aberdeen yesterday were charged with the unlawful possession of a junk.

Detective Inspector Pincott, prosecuting, asked for a formal reward. Outlining his case, he said that on June 12, the junk, under charge of its master, was on a voyage from Pak Ngo with a cargo of timber to Jap Po, on Hoai Hang Island, which is near the mainland. At noon on the same day, the junk was stopped by another junk when about thirty miles from Pak Ngo. The intentions of this other junk were soon revealed as eight men, all armed to the teeth, boarded the cargo-boat and terrorised the crew, who were forced into the holds. The merchantman was then made to sail in company with the pirate craft for a period of thirty hours. Later the junks returned to the spot where the piracy began and the crew of the trading junk were put ashore near one of the villages in the vicinity. The master made his way to Macao to look for his junk and from there came to Hongkong to continue his investigations. Last Saturday, he saw his junk lying at anchor at Yaumati. He at once made a report to the police but when officers were sent out, the vessel had already sailed away. It was after wards found at Aberdeen where Sergeant Dixon arrested the eight defendants, who are alleged to have been the pirates in question.

Three of them are stated to have been identified by the master and the crew have been sent for to assist in the identification.

The Magistrate (Mr. C. D. Melbourne) then adjourned the case formally for a week.

O-PERA-NOBIS.

MUSIC . . . VIBRATES ON THE MEMORY.

If it became necessary to single out the most attractive opera which has been given by our Italian friends so far, we think we should have little hesitation in selecting the apparently little known "The Force of Destiny" which was the piece given last. It is also becoming necessary to select the medium of the Opera house, woven for us garlands of sounds that have colour and warmth and feeling about them, we should hesitatingly select Giuseppe Verdi. There is a distinct mosaic in all that he has done; the design is well thought out, and the whole is a piece of work that has merit beyond mere words of praise. The conclusion of the story brought us to within a few minutes of the half-hour after midnight, but the possibilities of having to wind our homeward way by an opera-like "Walla Walla" or a "George Blag" did not frighten us. We were sponges absorbing all the sweet sounds that floated on the air, and "imbibing" a story, which again bloody, had coherence. It would seem that the people who figure in Opera stories are the most unreasonable in the world. The angry father will not listen to reason and gets accidentally killed. The son swears vengeance and as a result he shuffles off this mortal coil, but before doing so dispatches his sister to the happy hunting grounds where opera singers cease from warbling and the listeners are at rest. On all this, the unwitting hero pushes himself over a cliff. Our complaint is that we never saw him do it, that the sister is dispatched off the stage, likewise the brother. We had hopes. The two were at it hammer and tongs, although it must be said that one was driven to fight against his will. He must have been an early member of the Padlock Society. But when Scamuzzi says, or sings that you've got to fight, fight you must. We have dropped the Signor in referring to Scamuzzi. He can only be Scamuzzi although last night in one of his appearances as a "brave" he looked like the late Lord Nelson and it only needed a Hardy to receive instructions to write a Wessox novel. (We are probably at fault in our history). His vis a vis was also equally peculiarly dressed looking like Wellington addressing his troops with "Up Guards and read the China Mail." This we hope is unobjectionable banter. The singing on the part of Miles, Impallomeni and Vornos was beyond praise. Signor Mauceri and Signor Arino sang and acted as per usual, whilst Scamuzzi was Scamuzzi. Signor Paterna was a well-conditioned Friar made us laugh with some delightful bits of comedy work, done to the very life. The orchestra excelled, whilst the ballet pleased us all immensely. Tonight "The Barber of Seville." We give a précis of the story in another part of this issue.

FLOUR CONTRACTS.

FORMER GENERAL MANAGER SUED.

In the Summary Court, yesterday afternoon, before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz, the hearing was concluded in the case in which Moller and Company Ltd. (Hongkong) claim that Mr. T. Orton their Hongkong director and general manager, should indemnify them in respect of a contract for the sale and delivery of 1,000 bags of flour in respect of which judgment has already been given against the Company for \$673 in favour of the Mar'fat Wo firm, merchants, of 100 Des Voeux Road West. The contracts were not disputed by Moller and Company, but they claimed that Orton had no authority to make them for the Company and alleged that he entered into them on his own behalf. The case first came before the Court last Wednesday when it was adjourned in order that the power of attorney given to Mr. Orton might be produced, and for the purpose of calling further evidence.

Messrs. Moller and Co., Ltd., were represented by Mr. E. G. Corbett, and Mr. Orton by Mr. A. C. Arculli. Mr. Williamson stated that he was formerly a Director and General Manager of Moller and Co., in Hongkong. During that time there was no flour business done by the firm at all. On one occasion some friends of the Company in Australia sold a quantity of flour to Chinese firms in Hongkong, but the Chinese did not take it up and it simply lay in the godowns for three months and went bad. At the end of that time the company in Australia wrote to Moller and Co., "as friends," and asked them to dispose of it for them which they did.

Mr. Arculli, to witness: You did not do other merchant business did you not?—Nothing of any importance, one or two very, very small deals. Practically nothing at all.

Further cross-examined, witness admitted that the firm had dealt in coal to a certain extent. Mr. Arculli then handed up a sheet of the firm's newspaper and asked witness whether the letter head did not describe them as merchants.

After a close examination of the paper witness admitted that this was so though he added that the letter head was different in his own time.

MR. MOLLER RECALLED.

Mr. Eric Moller, recalled, stated that Mr. Orton had one qualifying share of \$50 in the Company, though actually that share was his own (witness's) property. It simply qualified Mr. Orton as a Director. With reference to the deal in coal mentioned, he stated that Mr. Orton was authorised by the firm to buy coal in Japan, Hongkong prices being too high, for the Company's own use. Apparently, however, he purchased too much, and so the surplus was sold. No other merchant business was done by the firm in this Colony. The sale of the surplus coal, even, was not done with witness's permission.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arculli, Mr. Moller denied that the coal was originally bought for re-sale.

Mr. Orton, recalled, stated that he signed these flour contracts on behalf of the firm, and not on his own behalf.

Replying to Mr. Corbett, witness stated that he last heard from Mr. Mayer a fortnight ago when he received a cable from him referring to flour deals.

Mr. Corbett: With regard to those telegrams between yourself and Mr. Mayer about the steamer, did you convey the flour, did you pay for them out of your own pocket, or with the Company's money?—I paid for them myself.

Mr. Arculli said his defence was that Mr. Mayer entered into this contract with the Company, and in the Company's name. In the Objection Clause in the Memorandum of the Company they were empowered to carry on business as commission agents and merchants, and to buy and sell goods. Evidence had been given showing that there were impositions on the firm's part in coal as well as in other things, though in a smaller way. These dealings were not part of the business of a shipping company, but were transactions usually put through by merchants. The Power of Attorney issued to Mr. Orton authorised him to conduct the company's business, and this included merchant business. If they were right in that conclusion there was nothing more to be said. Supposing, however, that they were wrong, they still the Company was bound under its Indemnity Clause of the Articles of Association to indemnify its officers, of which, its Managing Director, Mr. Orton was one. Mr. Arculli stated that Mr. Orton was appointed to that position by Mr. Moller in October of 1921. With reference to these transactions there could be little doubt but that Mr. Orton had acted in all sincerity on behalf of the firm. He had made no secret of the contract. Mr. Xavier had been told and the contracts themselves were kept in the Company's safe. There was one other point. They had seen that Mr. Orton knew that after he had made these contracts that Mayer

A PLEA FOR THE STARTER.

UNDESERVED CRITICISM.

THE "GATE" VS. THE "FLAG."

[By Argus.]

Through the courtesy of Lieut. Col. G. K. Hall Brutton I was present at the starting post at Saturday's gymkhana for every event except the race for Novices, which was "round the course." A good deal of comment was heard with regard to the "bad start" in the 7th event over the six furlongs course. Colonel Brutton would be the first to admit that it was a bad start, but critics should remember the conditions. Eight ponies were sent to the post: Roman Sparrow (Mr. Gibson), a confirmed bolter which needs the services of a maofo to hold him and who did so with a vengeance, West River (Mr. Harrison) which was mounted at the post and even then was unmanageable, Ding Dong (Mr. Soares) and Lottery (Mr. Stanton) both carrying the rogue's badge, Pickpocket (Mr. Zellensky) responsible for both false starts, Bullfinch (Capt. Spinks) and Wombat (Mr. Moller). With the exception of the last three as difficult a bunch to dispatch on even terms as a starter could be "cursed" with. From the stands, I have little doubt that punters felt they had been sold. The actual facts as I saw them were that just as the red flag dropped, Lottery swung across the course in front of Roman Sparrow to whose head the maofo clung as if his life depended on it; Ding Dong whipped round, Bullfinch and West River dived, Wombat on the rails and Pickpocket on the outside got away together, but the latter was half pulled up, his rider shouting "no start" or words to that effect. When the maofo let go of Roman Sparrow he jumped into his stride and was actually in the van before 2 furlongs had been covered. Lottery refused to budge until hit over the "hocks" by a maofo. While there are certain grounds for criticism at the starter's dispatching the field when he did, neither Pickpocket (the favourite) nor Roman Sparrow suffered materially. In fact, had Roman Sparrow got away on even terms with Wombat and Pickpocket he would have won even more easily. Critics of the starter, unless they have ridden races themselves, signify fail to remember that some ponies are quicker on their feet than others—Roman Sparrow is a case in point. Even when a starter does manage to persuade jockeys to bring their mounts up at a walk—which never once happened on Saturday—nine times out of ten one or two of the field will be quicker away and the cry goes up "what a rotten start!" With the exception of race 7, the starting in the short distance races on Saturday was no worse than on other courses in China in similar events.

If the starting-gate were given a trial, better results might possibly be obtained provided our local riders could spare the time for schooling ponies at the gate. Failing the gate, starters will have to display more patience and insist on "flying starts" being tabooed—they are not allowed in accordance with the Hongkong Jockey Club Rules of Racing.

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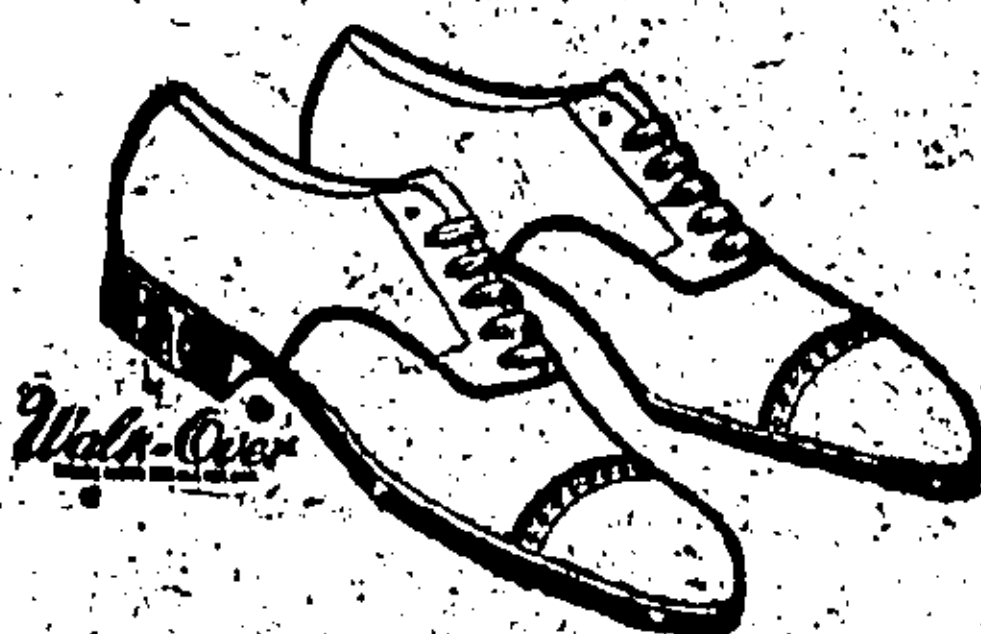
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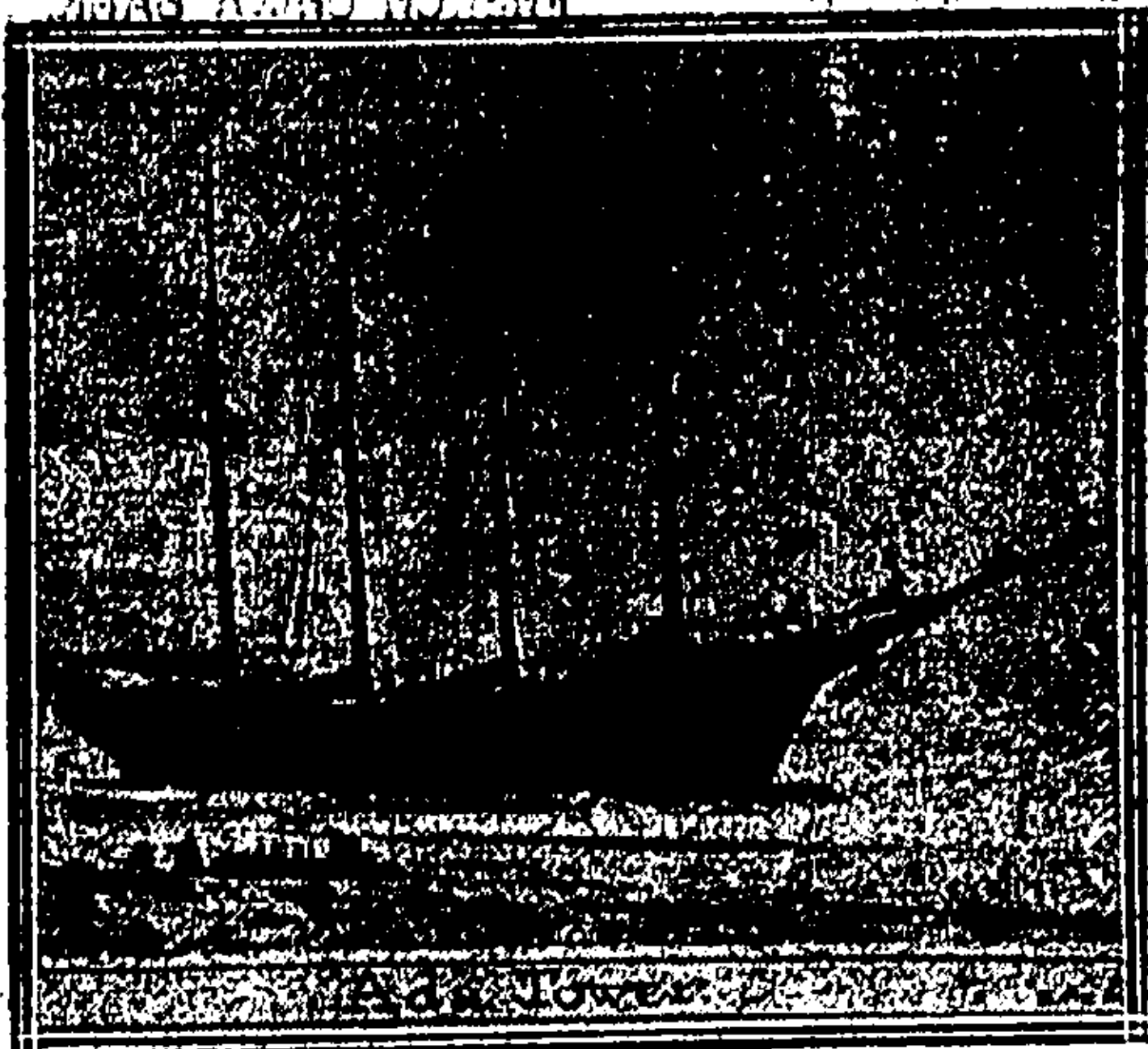
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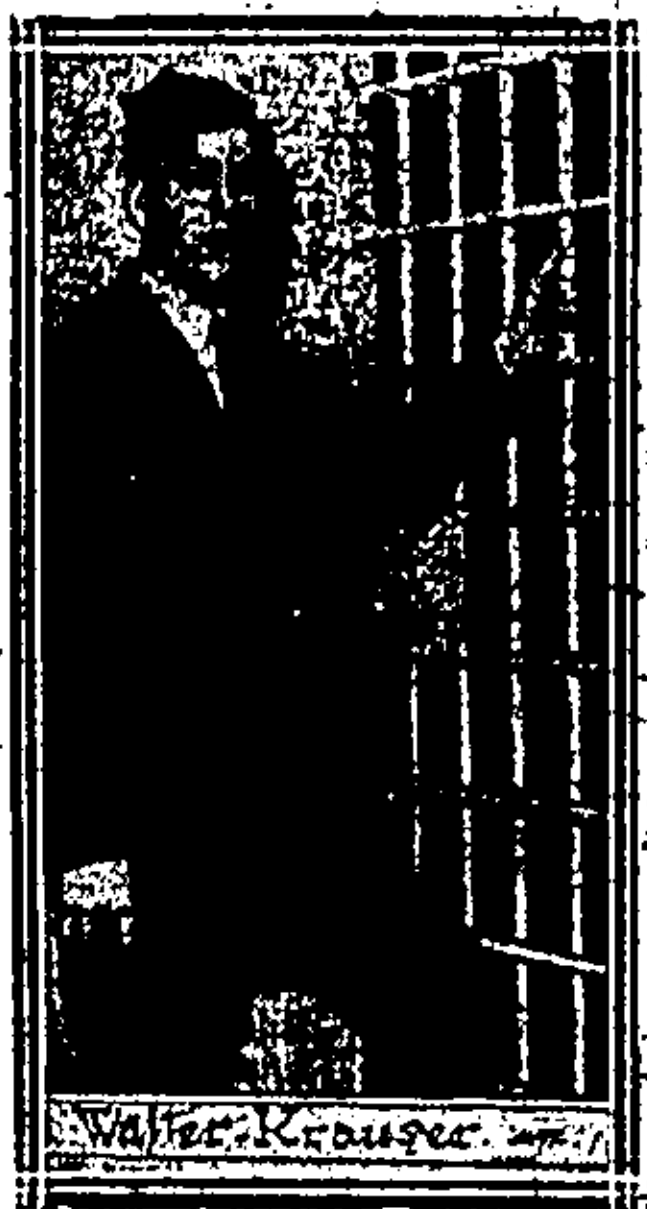
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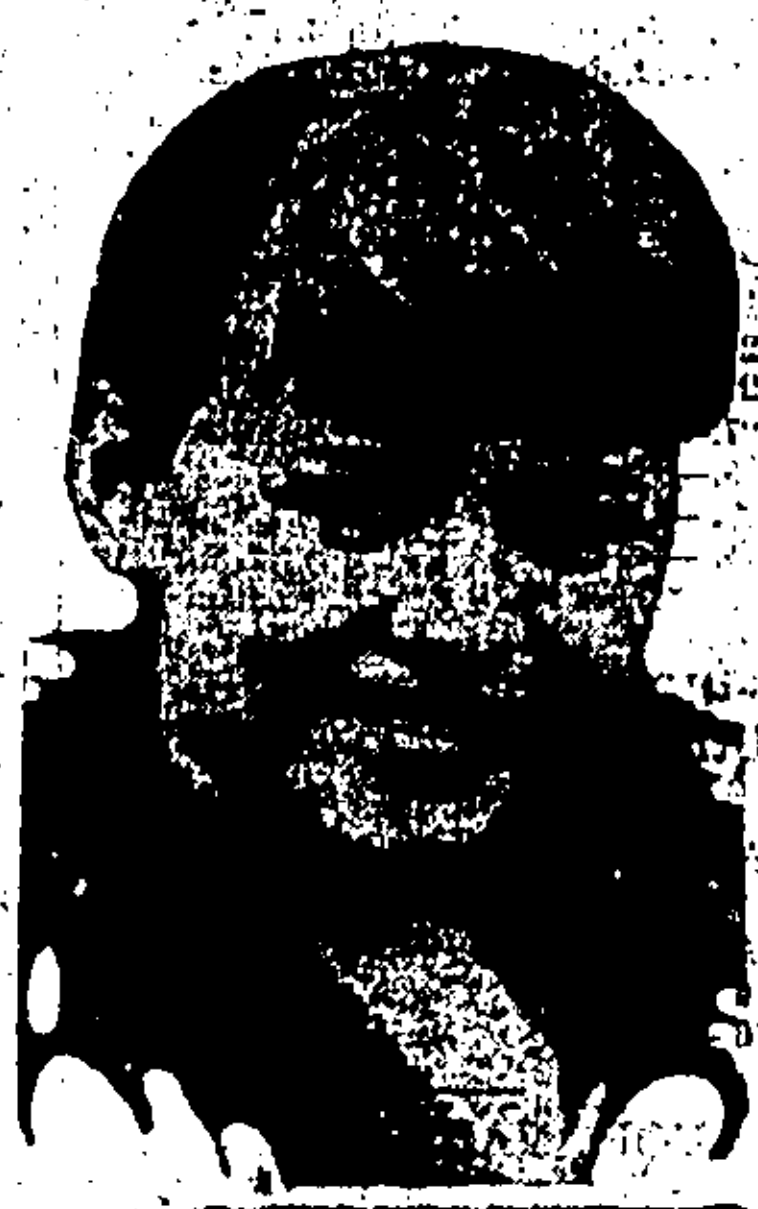
Considerable mystery surrounds the big four-masted Canadian schooner Ada Towers, of Parrishboro, No. a Scotia, which is piled high up on the beach at Patchogue, Long Island. All hands were saved by the United States Coast Guard men. When the ship went ashore it was whispered she had safely disposed of a big cargo of whiskey in Rum Row, off Sandy Hook, but this was denied by Captain Hatfield, who declared his vessel was an honest merchant ship.



Surviving members of the armies of Prince Eitel Friedrich, son of the ex-Kaiser of Germany and of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, are shown passing in review before their former Commanders at Doberitz, Germany, on May 6, when all Germany paid homage to the 2,000,000 Germans who fell in battle in the World War of the Central Powers against the Allies and America.



Walter Krauser, only 19, an admitted "hard guy," is in jail in Chicago, awaiting death by hanging for the murder of Policeman Souders. Krauser is the eighth man sentenced to be hanged in Chicago in two months. Bernard Exant, his accomplice, also is under death sentence.



Mildred Warren, a 14-years old girl has been arrested on charges of kidnapping a baby from in front of a department store where it had been left by its mother. In a base room, where she lived, the police found two other scantily clad infants. She told the police she stole the babies because she loved them and they took the place of a younger brother who died.



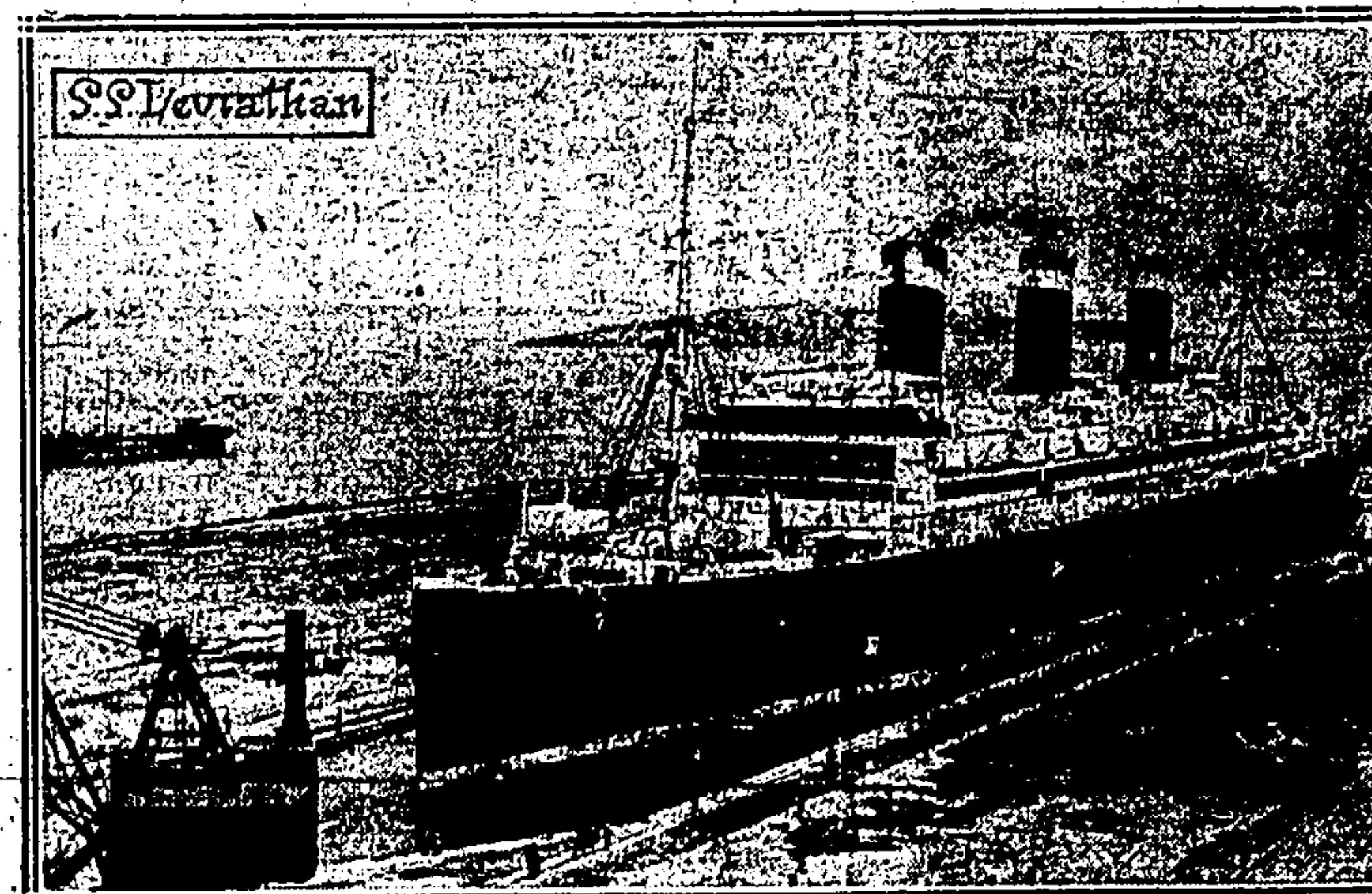
Irving Rosenblatt, selected as the Boy Mayor of San Francisco for Boys' Week, took office on a platform favoring light wines and beers. No wonder he won, because his principles reflect the majority opinion in the city by the Golden Gate.



Miss Elizabeth Roslington, has just returned from a six months tour of Europe. She is soon to return to Paris to become the bride of Henri Letallier, son of the multi-millionaire newspaper publisher and jeweller. It is remembered that Peggy Hopkins Joyce once announced her engagement to the young Frenchman.



A spark caused by the clashing of two bits of metal as crews of men were trying to cap the Hughes oil-well gusher, near Kearns, Texas, set the gas and oil afire, 14 men being burned to death. The well burned for days, the heat making it impossible to approach it, until men wearing asbestos suits managed to drag out the charred bodies. Sixteen boilers were rigged to pour live steam and smother the fire. Although spectators were kept back 500 yards by the heat, P. J. Howe, a newspaper photographer, of Fort Worth, ran to within 30 feet of the fire and took this picture at the risk of his life. His clothes were burned off. Note density of the high spouting flames.



The reconditioned liner Leviathan, formerly the German liner "Vaterland," is shown here entering the dry dock in Boston, the largest in the world, where she had been sent to have her hull scraped and painted. This ship is now the largest, in point of tonnage, in the world. As soon as she is completed she will run down to the West Indies on her trial trip and then go into the European service.



Although denied recognition by the Ku Klux Klan of Maryland, Baltimore women who are members of the Hooded Ladies of the Mystic Dea have organized a national association. From left to right in this group are: Mrs. Carey Koonz, Chief Lioness of the Baltimore Dea; the Rev. James W. Ford, who is helping the women to organize; and Mrs. James W. Ford, who has been appointed National Lioness of the organization. Their petition to be taken under the wing of the Maryland Ku Klux Klan was turned down.

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